

## Rail Shop Laborers Charge Erie "Farms Out" Its Employees

**Vigorous Fight Against Alleged Practice Planned at Union Meeting; Will Appeal to Federal Board**

Plans for a vigorous fight against an alleged practice of the Erie Railroad of "farming out" maintenance of way and shop workers to outside contractors were laid at a meeting yesterday of the New York District Council of Maintenance of Way and Railroad Shop Laborers' Union at Horton Hall, 110 West 125th Street.

In resolutions adopted the Erie was charged with seeking, through this alleged practice, to evade the rulings of the Railroad Labor Board with respect to the wage scale of this type of work. The resolutions were referred to Jerry A. Hunt, general chairman of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, for presentation to the Railroad Labor Board in Washington on December 19.

Anthony Spahr, head of the New York District Maintenance of Way organization, represented to the meeting that following the wage reduction approved by the Labor Board on July 1, the Erie, on November 1, through its "farming out" system effected a further cut in wages, bringing the pay of crossing watchmen down to \$1.95 a day and other workers to \$2.40 by permitting them to do but four days' work a week. It was also asserted that the Erie had reduced the wages of many of its married employees to an average of \$7.20 a week.

The resolution insisted that it was unjust on the part of the line to pare the wage scale of these men down to so low a point while Frank D. Underwood, head of the line, was receiving a salary of \$7,500 a year.

Another resolution congratulated the maintenance of way men on having been "relieved of the unfaithful service of a group of Pennsylvania Railroad employees formerly allied with them, which recently succeeded to organize its own union."

The meeting adjourned to the first Sunday in February.

**Mary and 'Doug' Phone From 250 Miles at Sea**

BABYLON, L. I., Dec. 11.—Wireless telephone connection was established tonight between the station here and the liner Paris, more than 250 miles at sea. Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks talked from the ship with several station operatives.

An attempt was made during the afternoon to listen in on Mme. Emma Calve in a concert being given on board the Paris, but it was blocked by the many fog messages which were being sent from Scotland, Lights, Ambrose Channel and Fire Island. The conditions remained poor until 9 o'clock at night. The Paris connection was made at 9:10 p. m. and a few minutes later Mrs. Pickford was talking. She was heard very distinctly.

"We'll be in to-morrow morning," she said. "I'll be mighty glad to see New York again." Mr. Fairbanks was standing beside his wife and his voice broke in, saying he couldn't hear very well, but Mrs. Fairbanks was getting all the conversation.

The apparatus was erected at the station of the Independent Wireless Company.

**Pope Praises Achievements of Rt. Rev. John N. Neumann**

ROME, Dec. 11.—Replying to a discourse in the Consistory Hall to-day by Father Murray, general of the Redemptorists, on the life and work of the Right Rev. John N. Neumann, once Bishop of Philadelphia, Pope Benedict said that all Catholics should rejoice at the decree acknowledging the heroic virtues of the prelate.

The pontiff recorded the labors of Bishop Neumann as a missionary and bishop and the foundation by him of fifty churches and more than one hundred schools in the diocese of Philadelphia. He concluded by imploring God's blessing on the prelate.



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## One of the Many in Need



## Christmas Cheer Asked For 5,400 Poor Children

**Charity Society Busy Arranging District Parties and Trees Throughout City**

The Charity Organization Society, 105 East Twenty-second Street, is busy planning for the pleasure of 5,400 children who depend on the society for the success or failure of Christmas. Every one of the twelve district secretaries is planning to make Christmas a time of happiness for the children of the neighborhood under their care.

In two districts, Hippodrome parties are a part of the program. In several others, Christmas trees, and a Santa Claus to distribute gifts. Children's entertainers, music, and singing will keep the youngsters amused. Of course, there will be candy and ice cream and cake. Another district is sending a little Christmas tree with trimmings and toys to the families under its care where there are small children.

Walter A. Frost, financial secretary of the organization, asks that any one wishing to help send gifts to the Charity Organization Society, marked "Christmas Fund."

Recognition of Metaxakis To Be Refused by Greece

**Newly Elected Patriarch of Orthodox Church Now Is in New York**

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Greek government announces its intention not to recognize the Most Reverend Meletios Metaxakis, the newly elected Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church in Constantinople, says a Reuter dispatch from Athens. It also announces the breaking off of relations with the Patriarchate in the belief that the Patriarchs of Jerusalem, Alexandria and Antioch and the Metropolitans in the newly annexed territory will do likewise.

The election of Archbishop Metaxakis has aroused great indignation in Athens. The government holds that the election was irregular and that it was engineered under the pressure of the followers of former Premier Venizelos. The Holy Synod, the dispatch adds, has received a telegram from seven members of the Constantinople Synod who have resigned, protesting against the illegality of the election. It is reported that they intend to elect a temporary Patriarch at Bursa.

Meletios Metaxakis, Patriarch-elect of the Eastern Orthodox Church, who is in New York, yesterday appealed to the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, president of the National Council of the Episcopal Church, for the support of that body in obtaining action from the world powers to curb renewed outrages of the Turks under Kemal Pasha against Christians in the Near East. Fresh massacres have started in Asia Minor, according to Meletios.



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## African Expedition Gets Gorilla Family For History Museum

**Andrews Party, in Quest of 'Golden Fleece,' Stumbles on Brigand Battle in China; Saved by First-Aid Kit**

A new family of five gorillas, the largest having a span of 7 feet 8 inches and weighing 360 pounds, will be added soon to the collection of the American Museum of Natural History as a result of Carl E. Andrews' success in his present expedition at the head of the South African exploration party. Word also has been received from Roy Chapman Andrews, leader of the museum's third Asiatic zoological expedition, that a takin and a splendid lot of small mammals, some new to science, have been killed in China.

Cablegrams received yesterday by Henry F. Osborn, president of the museum, locate the Andrews party in the Lake Tanganyika region of south Africa, near the borderland of German East Africa and the Belgian Congo. Dr. Andrews left last summer for the African wilds with the express purpose of finding gorillas in their native haunts, taking motion pictures of them and obtaining several impressive specimens for permanent exhibition in the museum.

In the latest letter received from the other taxidermist and hunter, Mr. Andrews, the story of adventure in China is recorded. He writes:

"I am now on the train en route to Peking after the trip into Shensi in pursuit of takin. It was the hardest trip we ever had. The journey was full of fighting going on about us, and we were equally into a crowd of two hundred brigands, but my medical kit came in very nicely. I patched up wounded men for an entire day and they were very grateful. They treated us with the greatest courtesy, and even gave us a guard of honor until we were out of the danger zone. It was an interesting little experience, and proves my doctrine that understanding of the people avoids adventures. We got the takin and a splendid lot of small mammals, many of which are certainly new to science."

The takin is a curious animal of rather cowlike appearance, distantly related to the chamois, the serow and our own Rocky Mountain goat. It has been called the Chinese buffalo. It bears little outward resemblance to our American bison, but appears to combine the characters of the antelope, goat, yak and moose. Its coat is golden yellow, and this circumstance, together with the rarity of the animal and the difficulties in the way of obtaining it, make the hunt for the takin another quest for the golden fleece."

**Morganthau Asks Christmas Cheer for Near East Children**

Henry Morganthau, former Ambassador from the United States to Turkey, issued an appeal yesterday in behalf of the thousands of homeless children in the Near East.

"As this festival of Christmas draws near," he said, "I implore the American public, the fathers and mothers who are to-night planning how they may brighten Christmas Day for their own children, to give some thought to those other children who have no father or mother to plan for them and who depend for life itself on the generosity of America."

**Many Homes To Be Erected By Far Rockaway Plot Buyers**

The Banister Realty Company, Maximilian Morganthau, president, reports

sales at Far Rockaway to Rachel Cantor, plot on the south side of New Haven Avenue, between Beach Thirtieth and Fourteenth Streets, 80x120, including the corner of Beach Thirtieth Street.

A plot on the east side of New Haven Avenue, running through to Beach Thirtieth Street, sixty feet frontage on each street.

To the Ostend Construction Corporation, Simon Shack, president, fourteen lots on the west side of Beach Thirtieth Street, 280x136, to Ella Marcus, plot 40x115, on the north side of Sea Girt Place, eighty feet east of Beach Thirtieth Street; northeast corner of Beach Thirtieth Street and Seagirt Place, 30x30; plot 60x200 on east side of Beach Fifteenth Street, running through to Beach Fourteenth Street, also plot 60x200 on the west side of Beach Fourteenth Street, through to Beach Fifteenth Street. The purchaser plans to erect six residences in the immediate future.

To Jacob Cantor, plot 80x100, at the southwest corner of Beach Twelfth Street and New Haven Avenue, to be improved with three small residences.

Max Katz, who recently purchased from the Banister Realty Company a plot on the north side of Sea Girt Avenue, seventy feet east of Beach Thirtieth Street, has resold the site at a substantial advance to Marvin Shaw.

**Invest in Brooklyn Houses**

A. J. Shannon Company, Inc., sold the eight-family house at 519 Eighth Street for Mark Swett.

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Samuel Galitzka sold for B. Picone & Sons, builders, the new one-family house, 20x100, on the east side of West Twelfth Street, lot 100 feet north of Avenue I, held at \$10,750.

**Theatrical Man Buys in Bronx**

David V. Picker, theatrical man, associated with Marcus Loew, purchased through Henry Shapiro & Co. the one-story store building, 100x100, at the northwest corner of Tremont and Clinton avenues, Bronx. This is the third sale on the property within the last few months. It is the second purchase that Mr. Picker has made within the last few months on Tremont Avenue, having recently purchased a plot of fourteen lots on Belmont Avenue.

**Get Suites in Flats**

The Century Leasing Company leased an apartment at 687 Madison Avenue to Alfred T. Abeles; a furnished apartment at 64 East Sixty-sixth Street to Sebastian M. Naon and at 69 Madison Avenue to Raphael de Florez.

Hubert & Hubert have leased in the Sherwood Studio building at Sixth Avenue and Fifty-seventh Street, studio apartments to Mrs. Ruby V. Elliott, Franklin Booth, Theodore F. Whitmarsh and Ross W. David.

**Business Leases Cover Wide Area Up Town and Down Town**

Cushman & Wakefield, Inc., leased offices at 50 East Forty-second Street to Childs & Humphries and C. P. Lyman, and at 52 Vanderbilt Avenue to the Haring Paper Company.

Pease & Elliman leased for H. Nelson Flanagan, trustee of the estate of Edward Brown to Hyman Strunsky, the five-story business building at 61 West Forty-sixth Street; offices in the Equitable building at 120 Broadway to Cartwright, Dimmick & Cunningham and offices at 115 Broadway to Throckmorton & Co.

M. M. Hayward & Co. leased the store and basement at 511-513 West Forty-second Street to Jacob Egerman. Ames & Co. leased stores at 137 East Thirty-fourth Street to Reeb Bros.; at 15 West Thirty-first Street to Harre & Damascus; at 429 Second Avenue to Atlas Economy Store, at 939 Second Avenue to Essigman Bros., and at 941 Second Avenue to Balaban Bros.

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The Charles F. Noyes Company leased the building 217 Pearl Street for W. S. Livingston to Jacob Mahheimer, essential oils; the building 440 Water Street for the Bankers Trust Company to Joseph Moliterno & William A. Adagio for five years and four months from December 1; the basement at 529 to 533 Broadway to Harry M. Becker, and the fourth floor at 45 Lafayette Street to the Systems Manufacturing Company, Inc.

The Charles G. Edwards Company leased a floor at 21 and 23 West Fourth Street to S. Goldman & Bro.; a floor at 27-29 West Fourth Street to I. H. Kramer & Co.; with Heil & Stern, a store at 13 and 15 Washington Place to S. M. Blumenfeld; the store and basement at 50 East Eleventh Street to Blake & Decker, Inc.; space at 435 and 437 Fifth Avenue to Morris Zwern, the Publishers Photo Service, Inc., and Harry B. Kaffel.

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**Ames Estate Rents House**

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## Real Estate News

## Two Billions May Be Year's Building Bill

**Reports Show Construction on Increase in All Sections; October Contracts, \$400,000,000**

Contracts awarded in this territory up to the last day of October were within hailing distance of the phenomenal year 1920, which was the biggest in the city's history, says the Dow Service Building Reports. If the same number of contracts are awarded from November 1 to December 31 as were awarded in this city in the month of October, 1921 will pass 1920 by more than \$20,000,000 worth of actual construction work with business building taking second place in rating for type of construction activity.

The game is true of the so-called national construction field as far as the remainder of the year is concerned, if continued in December, will bring the construction total up to within touching distance of 1920's record which, like 1919, passed the \$2,000,000,000 mark. Contract awards in October were in excess of \$200,000,000 and if that rate is continued for the remainder of the year it will equal, if not actually pass, the best building record ever attained. Buildings actually projected in October were reported to be approximately \$400,000,000.

It is upon such exhibits as the foregoing that building material manufacturers have been revising their manufacturing schedules of late, so that on November 30 nineteen cement manufacturers had available for winter or early spring needs 27,300,000 barrels of cement stock on hand as against 18,460,000 barrels on October 31, 1921, compared with only 11,800,000 barrels on hand on November 30, 1920.

While no official count has been made of the reserve stocks of Hudson common brick up the river, the impression is that the manufacturers have piled up more than was at first estimated in anticipation of possible open winter weather conditions.

New freight rates on lumber, shingles and lumber products from the West Coast were authorized November 12 and may become operative December 15. Under the \$1.06 1/2 rate, on the basis of 2,500 pounds, the average weight per thousand feet of lumber, \$23.62 1/2 was the average approximate cost of transporting by rail a thousand feet of lumber from the west coast points to the New York or New England territory. The cost of transporting that quantity now will be \$22.50.

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